AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-142. (canceled)

Claim 143.   (new) An editing system for editing a plurality of clips to produce an edit resultant clip, comprising:

editing means for edit processing said plurality of clips on the basis of clip management data defining the edit processing performed on each of said plurality of clips to produce said edit resultant clip;

managing means for managing said plurality of clips on the basis of link information indicating a tree structure for linking said plurality of clips to produce said edit resultant clip; and

control means for modifying the edit processing performed on one of said plurality of clips in producing said edit resultant clip and automatically updating said clip management data and link information for each of said plurality of clips in accordance with the modified edit processing.

Claim 144.   (new) The editing system according to claim 143, further comprising a clip database for storing the clip management data and link information.

Claim 145.   (new) The editing system according to claim 143, wherein said control means automatically updates said clip management data and link information for each of said

plurality of clips in accordance with enable/disable flags corresponding to each of said plurality of clips.

Claim 146.　　(new) A method of editing a plurality of clips to produce an edit resultant clip, comprising the steps of:

edit processing said plurality of clips on the basis of clip management data

defining the edit processing performed on each of said plurality of clips to produce said edit resultant clip;

managing said plurality of clips on the basis of link information indicating a tree structure for linking said plurality of clips to produce said edit resultant clip;

modifying the edit processing performed on one of said plurality of clips in producing said edit resultant clip; and

automatically updating said clip management data and link information for each of said plurality of clips in accordance with the modified edit processing.

Claim 147.　　(new) The method according to claim 146, wherein the clip management data and link information are stored in a clip database.

Claim 148.　　(new) The method according to claim 146, wherein said clip management data and link information for each of said plurality of clips are automatically updated in accordance with enable/disable flags corresponding to each of said plurality of clips.